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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PFOR, XF, SA
SUBJ: YASSER ARAFAT RECEIVED BY KING FAISAL

SUMMARY: FAISAL RECEIVED ON NOV 10 YARSSER ARAFAT AND
SEVERAL LEADING MEMBERS OF AL FATAH. NO DETAILS YET AVAILABLE
ON WHAT WAS DISCUSSED BUT THE MEETING FOLLOWED WITHIN 48
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HOURS THE VISIT OF THE SECRETARY TO RIYADH, AND CAME WITHIN

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A FEW DAYS AFTER THE VISIT OF KING HUSSEIN TO THE KINGDOM.
END SUMMARY.

1. ALL NEWSPAPERS PROMINENTLY REPORTED ON NOVEMBER 11 BUT WITH LITTLE DETAIL THE VISITTHE PREVIOUS DAY OF YASSER ARAFAT, CHIEF OF THE AL FATAH AND PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION TO THE KINGDOM, HIS FIRST IN SEVERAL MONTHS. ARAFAT CALLED ON KING FAISAL WITH A CONSIDERABLE DELEGATION WHICH INCLUDED ABU MAZIN, A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF FATAH; HANI AL HASSAN, POLITICAL COUNSELOR TO ARAFAT; ABU HISHAM, A MEMBER OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF FATAH IN THE KINGDOM.

2. THE VISIT CAME LESS THAN 48 HOURS AFTER THE TALKS BETWEEN FAISAL AND SECRETARY KISSINGER AND ONLY A FEW DAYS AFTER A QUICK VISIT BY KING HUSSEIN, WHO HAD SOUGHT TO REBUILD A RELATIONSHIP WITH FAISAL SOMEWHAT STRAINED DURING THE RECENT FIGHTING BY JORDANIAN RELUCTANCE TO BECOME MORE FULLY INVOLVED.

3. WHILE NO DETAILS WERE GIVEN IN THE PRESS, THE PROMINENT TREATMENT OF THE ARAFAT VISIT INDICATES THAT SAG MAY BE TRENDING TOWARDS BROADER APPROVAL OF THE PLO AND ARAFAT AS A POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO ALL-OUT SUPPORT FOR HUSSEIN AS THE PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATIVE IN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.
AKINS

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED CAIRO.

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